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BRITISH CAPTURE NEUVE CHAPELLE UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Greatest Advance for Allies in Northern France in Several Months.

GERMANS DECLARE FOE HAS LOST 45,000 MEN

Complete Defeat for French in Champagne Region Reported From Berlin.

NEW ATTEMPT ON PRZASNYSZ

Annihilation of Bussians Claimed But Petrograd Announces Defeats for Teutons-Ossowetz Battle Goes On.

LONDON, March 11.-Under cover of the fire of heavy French artillery, British troops have captured Neuve Chapelle, north of

insiderable advance reported rom the north of France for several months past. This advance, ii made in force, is strategically in Mexico. of great importance, as the posifront of Lille.

Battle Continues, Says Berlin. Although admitting that the British cerman general staff declares that the

shting at this point continues. The ant engagements in recent weeks tent for the for the French have l fully 45,000 men in this district, while more than 2,540 wounded prisoners and thirty-five officers have been taken. While making claims of great losses for the enemy, Berlin states specifically that the Teutonic casualties have been great,

Teutonic casualties have been great, ring out the French assertion that me of the best units of the German is have been decimated." French Attacks Held Futile.

According to Berlin the French have lelivered two fierce attacks against the positions in the forest of Souain which ere taken from them the day previous. but that these attacks have been futile.
This British advance at Neuve Chapelle was unexpected, as lately the principal activity reported from the British front has been in the direction late of the line near ment.

The British are now within two corps, in an effort to gain Fournes, on the road between La Bassec and Lille, he forced his way as far as abuers, two miles to the northeast of Neuve Chapelle, but after desperate fighting against tremendous odds was forced to retire.

New Attempt on Przasnysz.

A regrouping of the German forces in northern Poland and the commencement of a new attempt upon Przasnysz has been noted by the general staff of

This movement is being made in considerably greater strength than was the recent operation in the direction of Prassnysz, which terminated in not only local defeat for the Germans but in the general retirement of all the German forces in the direction of their corn frontier.

Russians Annihilated, Is Claim.

tempting to break through the German lines south of Augustowo is claimed by Berlin. In an engagement to the northeast of Ostrolenka the Germans say they were also victorious, six officers and 900 soldiers being captured. northwest of Przasnysz have made

further progress it is reported, while in the fighting northwest of Novomiasto 1,660 more Russian prisoners have been taken.

The discontinuance of operations along the Niemen river makes it possible for the Germans to send a large number of troops from this district to reinforce the men advancing from Korlike in the general directions.

In the meanwhile along the Pilica river there have been occurring daily engagements of secondary importance in which the Russians would appear to have been successful, notwithstanding the German attacks and the fact that the Germans have taken many Russian prisaners.

Fighting in Carpathians.

Fighting near Gorlitza and Oujok in the Carpathians indicates that the Austrians, after their defeat in the Stan-islau district on their right flank, decided to transfer the center of oper-ations to the left flank, where they have been successful in pushing for-ward slightly.

WHITE HOUSE BANS **VISITORS 3 WEEKS**

President Will Spend Time **Familiarizing Himself With** Foreign Questions.

INTENDS TO PURSUE EACH TO CONCLUSION

Senator Owen Urges Special Session of Senate to Consider Treaties and Cloture.

White House today that President Wil-La Bassee, in an advance of three- is unable to give the time to foreign City. He made no specific request for quarters of a mile, capturing all affairs that he feels is required, and that beginning next Monday the White intervening positions of the House will make no engagements for three weeks for visitors to see the This success, including the takg of 1,000 prisoners and several of the European and Mexican situatachine guns, makes it the most tions. This announcement is in line with the declared purpose of the Presi dent to get in closer and more in-timate touch with all the pending European questions that affect this

ignerated importance, as the position commands the road between La Bassee and Lille. Furthermore, it makes the German hold a base for operations for the straightening of the allied lines in front of Lille.

So far all negotiations are to h the President wants the conclusions satisfactory to America and her inter-That the fighting in the Champagne reson has been almost continuous since the
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service when the eventual negotiations service when the eventual negotiations begin for the settlement of the war.

The destruction of an American ship by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel, now at Newport News, has been added to the long list of complications growing out of the foreign war, and the President has taken charge of this also

Mexico does not promise to give as much trouble to the President as has been hinted recently. The conclusions of the administration are that there is much exaggeration as to what is hap pening in Mexico, and that a palpable ent is on foot to again stir ruses for intervention.

The vacancy in the recordership of deeds of the District of Columbia was again brought to the attention of President Wilson today, when Senator Ransdell and Representative Dupre of Louisiana called on Mr. Wilson and urged him to name B. F. Jonas, a real estate man of this city, to the position.

The visitors, after seeing the President Columbia of the Columbia of

Owen Wants Special Session.

Senator Owen, who saw the Presider today, wants an extra session of the Senate called in October to consider the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaed with the advantages of bringing the Senate together some time in advance of the regular session of Congress. Senator Owen also asked the President to recommend in his annual address to

to recommend in his annual address to Congress the creation of a department of health, with a cabinet officer at the head, or at least a separate bureau or establishment that will have charge of all health questions.

The appointment by President Wilson of W. H. Shelton of Windsor, Mo., as United States marshal of the western district of that state, made last night, will bring on another fight in the Senate, it is stated on the authority of those who know the Missouristication. Shelton is named to take the place of Ewing C. Bland, whose nomisituation. Shelton is named to take the place of Ewing C. Bland, whose nomination was rejected by the Senate on the plea of Senator Reed, who declared that Bland was objectionable to him. Shelton has been appointed on the recommendation of Senator Stone, and is said to be equally objectionable to Senator Reed, who has announced that he will fight the nomination when it goes to the Senate in December.

Not Administration Ambassador.

Attention has been attracted in New York by the appearance there of an employe of the Department of Commerce bearing this letter from Presi-

make it, 1640 more Russian prisoners have been taken.

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CARRANZA'S REPLY IN WILSON'S HANDS

President Inclined to Think Disorders in Mexico Purposely Exaggerated.

SPANISH ENVOY REPORTS FOUR NATIONALS KILLED

Also Presents Messages Telling of Looting and Burning of Residences in Capital Outskirts.

note demanding a reform of conditions in Mexico was laid before President Wilson today and afterward it was said in administration circles that the Mexican situation looks more encouraging.

President Wilson, it is understood, nelined to think that the dispatches containing allegations of disorders and famne may have been somewhat exaggerate at the dictation of certain interests which would like to force American interven

Opposed to this encouraging view, how ever, was a report made today by Senator Riano, the Spanish ambassador, that four Spaniards have been assassinated in Mexico City. Also, the Spanish ambassador presented to the State Department reports of the looting and burning of private residences in the outskirts of Mexico

Working at Both Ends.

Secretary Bryan said today that the department is working at both ends (meaning in the City of Mexico and at of supplies to the Mexican capital. As surances had been received from Car surances had been received from Carranza, he said, that the foreign residents of the city would be allowed to come out over the railroad as soon as the evacuation had been completed. It is understood that Carranza is even encouraging all foreigners to withdraw and come to a place of safety, as he had already suggested in reference to the diplomatic body, but so far without avail.

Diplomats Pleased.

Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the State Department that the American note to Carranza, a copy of which was presented in Mexico City to Gen. Obrepresented in Mexico City to Gen. Obregon simultaneously with its delivery to Carranza, has produced a good effect on the situation at Mexico City, according to advices the ambassador has received from Thomas Hohler, charge d'affaires of the British legation in Mexico City.

The British diplomats are urging that the railway communication bethat the railway communication be-tween Vera Cruz and Mexico City be kept open. The State Department an-nounces that it has made representa-tions on this point. Charles A. Douglas, Washington adviser to the Carranza government now at Vera Cruz, is co-operating with American Consul Silliman in an attempt to solve the transportation problem.

Statements Conflict.

The following information was given out at the State Department concernng the evacuation of Piedras Negras:
"Piedras Negras was evacuated March 8 by the Carranza garrison Only a small guard was left to police the town until the forces of Villa ar-

Flee to United States Side.

At the War Department Secretary Gar-At the War Department Secretary Garrison made public a mesage from Col.
Hodges at Eagle Pass, Tex., stating attack on the forts of the Dardanelles, from the fleet, but the replies from some of the Turkish batteries

and state the amount of capital in-vested, was received at the State De-

wounded Tuesday in an explosion which occurred in a shed of the Pyrotechnical Institute at Antwerp while the building was being cleaned under the direction

out avail. Up to Tuesday night it did not appear that the evacuation of the Mexican capital had taken place, and Secretary Bryan had no certain knowledge as to when that event might be expected to happen. The Navy Department has taken no new action toward changing the naval representation at Vera Cruz since the announcement yesterday. LOST IN LAST THREE WEEKS

Teuton Naval Circles Said to Admit Destruction of Four, While Seven Are Missing.

LONDON, March 11.—A Copenhagen by H. M. S. Ariel was the U-12, and that out of her crew of twenty-eight the number saved was ten. dispatch to the Daily Mail says: cles that eleven submarines have been lost since February 18. The loss of four of these has been officially admitfor nearly three weeks.

U-12 Submarine Destroyed.

The British admiralty has announced that the German submarine which was rammed and sunk today by the British torpedo destroyer Ariel was the U-12 instead of the U-20, as preliously stated.
The admiralty statement said:

"Later and more detailed reports have now been received which establish the fact that the German submarine which was rammed and sunk ship.

Older and Smaller Vessel.

The submarine U-12 was an older and ted, while seven have been missing of the class built in 1910-12. Her displacement was 250 tons, and she miles. She was armed with three 18inch torpedo tubes and two one-pound-

inch torpedo tubes and two one-pound-er high angle guns. She had a speed of thirteen knots above water and eight knots submerged. The U-12 has taken an active part in the German operations against British shipping. On February 21 she sank the small Irish coasting steamer Downshire in the Irish sea, after giving the crew five minutes in which to leave their ship.

no property will be destroyed, and that order will be maintained until the NARROWS OF DARDANELLES

The Washington agency of Gen. Villa gave out the following: "Pledras Negras was sacked by the Carrangistas before they evacuated the city yesterday, according to a message received from the convention consul at Eagle Pass, Serious disorders followed. Gov. Acuma is a refugee in Eagle Pass. The International bridge has been closed. The Carrangistas have retreated eastward." PENETRATED BY WARSHIPS Allied Attack on Fortifications Will Continue Until Troops Occupy Both Sides of Straits Sides of Straits.

that sixty-one patients from the mill- it is expected, will be pressed until that sixty-one patients from the mili-tary hospital in Piedras Negras, five man nurses, five woman nurses, one surgeon and eleven attendants had been permitted to cross to the American side in view of the fears of consebeen permitted to cross to the American side in view of the fears of conse-quences to the wounded after the evac-

The text of a decres issued by Gen.
Carranza September 19, establishing in each district of the states of the republic under his control an assessment committee, the purpose of which is to register the real estate, fix its value and state the amount of control to the state of the result of of the resu

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 11. Three men were killed and seven GERMANS ABANDON AUGUSTOWO;

TO SUBMIT G. A. R.

Chairman Gude Calls Meeting of Committee of 100 for Saturday.

R. N. HARPER TO DESCRIBE

maximum cruising radius of 1,200 E. H. Droop Says Open-Air Concerts and Imported Talent Will Feature Musical Arrangements.

> the G. A. R. encampment which is to take place here next fall, announced this morning that he has called a meeting of the "committee of 100" at the New Willard Hotel for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Twenty-three of the subcommittees now actively engaged in working out the elaborate plans for the encampment, which will marine destruction which included sinkelebrate the fiftieth anniversary of ing of the American sailing steamer the march of the veterans down Penn- William P. Frye in the south Atlantic sylvania avenue at the close of the civil war, are to be represented at this meeting, and reports from the various chairmen are to be heard.
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> The plan of Robert N. Harper, chairman of the finance committee with the civil beard, the civil Friedrich in the form

expenses of suitable entertainment and accommodations for the convening vet-erans by means of a ten-day campaign starting Monday, will be outlined to the assembled committeemen, all of whom will be asked to enter vigorously into

Trade Boards Represented.

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The committee as announced this morning, is as folows:

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time as the encampment of the veterans, with the United States post omce authorities for the proper forwarding of the Soldiers Barred From Night Life.

LONDON, March 11.—British army officers in uniform have been forbidden by the commander of the London military district to visit dance halls, night clubs or gambling establishments.

SINKING OF U.S. SHIP BY A GERMAN CRUISER BIG DIPLOMATIC ISSUE

Contention That Her Wheat Cargo Was **Contraband Expected to Color Future American Policy.**

INQUIRY, THEN ACTION, IS PRESIDENT'S POLICY IN PRINZ EITEL'S CASE

28 by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which came into port at Newport News yesterday, is inderstood as having an important bearing on the general subject of contrahand to be considered by the President, in view of the fact that the captain of the Pring Eitel says the American ship was sunk by him because the Frye's wheat was destined for a hostile port.

American ship the following statement was issued at the White House today Action to Follow Inquiry.

ing the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel

"'A most searching inquiry will be will be based upon the result of that

shadow a strong protest to Germany against the sinking of the Frye. May Be Made Seaworthy.

As to the Eitel, the neutrality board future. made a report which, it is understood ted to make such repairs at Newport der supervision of American naval authorities, if the commander of the German ship decides to request repairs. This he is expected to decide by tonight.

No protest has yet been made to the ish subjects on board the Eitel. It is PLAN TO RAISE BIG FUND said the attitude of the British governit will be to allow the United States and held telephone con system of laws to be applied is the the disposition of the prisoners on the same in the two countries.

PRINZ EITEL NOT ABLE TO LEAVE U. S. REFUGE WITHIN 24-HOUR LIMIT

serious incident of the war in its concern to the United States-was being lowly unraveled here today

Chased to the haven of an American oort by British cruisers, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich lay at anchor, and her comnander has received from the port au thorities the usual notice to leave with in twenty-four hours.

Notice Mere Formality.

nonths of sea roving, in which she sent eleven prizes to the bottom, the German auxiliary needs repairs which

will take weeks. The neutrality board at Washington nade, and whatever action is taken it was understood here, had recommended that the repairs be allowed under supervision of an American naval officer. Whether the commander of the Prinz Eitel will choose to make them and then risk a dash through the British cruisers gathering off the Virginia capes is a development for the

Port Authorities Busy

The Prinz Eitel's pand played Ger-State Department by the British gov-ried visits from the customshouse to ernment against the retention of Britthe liner for conferences with Commander Thierichsen and his officers without suggestion, inasmuch as the questions involved, the diplomatic ments in regard to the rights of the aspects of the sinking of the Frye and

William F. Gude, chairman of the committee on general arrangements for FORMAL DEMAND THAT EITEL SHALL RESPECT NEUTRALITY

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 11 .- | anchored here yesterday after merchant-

board the Eitel Friedrich in the form man of the finance committee, which board the Eitel Friedrich in the form officer's request that he be permitted proposes to raise \$25,000 to defray the of a letter by Norman R. Hamilton, collector of customs. The letter was as

open-air concerts and the importation of special artists were two features which will be considered at the first meeting next week.

Leading Musical Men Named.

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"You may have provisions in the quantity not more than necessary to bring your supplies to the usual peace standard for the complement of the ship.

Plans for Women's Auxiliary.

A convention of 300 delegates from chapters of the Women's Auxiliary of the G. A. R., to be held at the same time as the encampment of the veterans.

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"You will land any Americans amons "You will land any Americans among the officers, seamen or passengers from captured vessels. "You are requested not to use your radio equipment in port for purpose of transmission.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.. March 11.— signed statement of the circumstances of the destruction of the ship William converted cruiser Eitel Friedrich, which that has been destroyed by the vessel in your command.
(Signed) "NORMAN R. HAMILTON.

In Conference With Commander

After delivering this letter Collector the German commander. He expected to hear a reiteration of that nava lector of customs. The letter was as lector of customs. The letter was as follows:

United States Demands.

"Newport News, Va., March 11, 1915.
"The Commander, the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich:
"Sir—I have the honor to advise that under instructions received from the Secretary of the Treasury, formulated with the advice of the State Depart—

to repair his ship. Granting this request, it was unofficially stated, would mean that the cruiser would be interned here for the period of the war, and prisoners of war taken from British, French and Russian ships sunk by the Eitel Friedrich, together with passengers, would be released here. Collector Hamilton also prepared to take a sworn statement from Commander Thierichsen relating to the sinking of the American ship. This will be forwarded to Washington, together with a statement of the circumstances made

tion was forwarded to Assistant Sec-retary of the Treasury Peters, in charge of customs at Washington, and Capt. Kiehne was instructed to pro-ceed to Washington tonight to report to Mr. Peters tomorrow morning.

Demand for Sworn Statement. "The German commander told me come in for repairs to his ship. That

captured vessels.

"You are requested not to use your radio equipment in port for purpose of transmission.

"In conclusion, I have the honer to request that you furnish me today a ship William P, Frye. When this has